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SUBJECT: R/V GYRE CLEARANCE REQUEST, 7-27 OCT 1977

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1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO AMEND R/V RESEARCHER REQUEST TO INCLUDE R/V GYRE OF TEXAS A AND M UNIV. GYRE'S WORK IS SIMILAR TO AND EXTENSION OF RESEARCHER'S PROGRAM. GYRE'S WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH RESEARCHER HAD BEEN INTENDED TO BE CARRIED OUT ENTIRELY IN NORTHERN GULF OF MEXICO. HOWEVER, RECENT EXAMINATION OF OCEANOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL GULF INDICATE A LOW LEVEL OF NATURAL ACTIVITY DURING THE CURRENT YEAR. SINCE ACTIVITY APPEARS TO BE GREATER IN THE SOUTHERN GULF, THE SCIENTIFIC DECISION HAS JUST BEEN MADE TO SHIFT SOME OF THE GYRE'S WORK TO THE SOUTHWARD IN HOPES OF OBTAINING MORE USEFUL DATA. U.S. ANTICIPATES GOM WILL APPRECIATE SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE FOR THIS DECISION, WHICH IS REASON THAT GYRE REQUEST DID NOT ACCOMPANY RESEARCHER REQUEST
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2. TRACK CHART BEING POUCHED. AS IN CASE OF RESEARCHER, ACTUAL TRACK WILL DEPEND ON THE LOCATION OF THE GULF LOOP CURRENT AND SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE TRACK IS NECES-

SARY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT. THIS MAY REQUIRE

APPROACHES TO WITHIN TWO NAUTICAL MILES OF MEXICAN COAST.

3. ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GYRE AND RESEARCHER PROGRAM IS THAT GYRE WILL NOT RPT NOT DEPLOY CURRENT METER ARRAY.

4. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PARTICIPATION IN GYRE CRUISE OF DR. SERGIO LICEA-DURAN OF UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MEXICO. HE IS ONE OF THE MEXICAN SCIENTISTS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO WORK ON THE RESEARCHER. HE IS A COLLEAGUE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DR. AUGUSTIN AYALA-CASTANARES WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) LATER THIS YEAR.

5. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. SAYED Z. EL-SAYED OF TEXAS A AND M. CAPT. DON ARMAND IS MASTER WITH A CREW OF 12 AND A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 23. AS NOTED, GOM PARTICIPATION HAS ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED. DATA AND RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED.

6. GYRE IS 295 GROSS TONS, 180 FT. LONG, AND HAS A DRAFT OF 11 FT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS KJCL AND SHIP MONITORS NORMAL FREQUENCIES.

7. GYRE WILL DEPART GALVESTON 7 OCTOBER AND RETURN 27 OCTOBER. NO PORT CALLS ARE PLANNED.
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8. AT DEPT. SUGGESTION (SULLIVAN OES/OFA/MST), CAPT. T. K. TREADWELL INFORMALLY DISCUSSED LATE SUBMISSION WITH ATTACHE JUHL BEFORE FORMAL REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED.

9. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO AMEND RESEARCHER CLEARANCE REQUEST TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR GYRE TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN MEXICAN WATERS DURING 7-27 OCT 1977. CHRISTOPHER

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